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In re application of: Sheldon R. Pinnell

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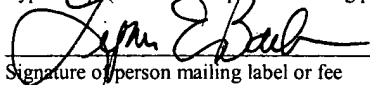
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION - ELECTION

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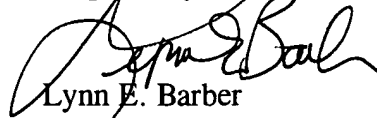
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 in which the Examiner required the election of claims and the identification of claims including that election.

Applicant hereby elects the second component (species), with the extract of *Centella asiatica* being the chosen specific sub-species. Applicant submits that all of the claims contain the elected second component species which is recited in claim 1 from which all other claims depend directly or indirectly. Claims 2 and 5 specifically contain the chosen sub-species, and the claims that depend from each of these claims therefore also contain the chosen specific sub-species (claims 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10).

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected claims

and subject matter. If further information is required, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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